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Attorney General John Ashcroft  
US Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington DC 20530-0001

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in full support of the recent settlement between the US Department of Justice and Microsoft in the antitrust case. I feel this case has gone far too long and I can hardly believe what we as taxpayers have paid to have this continued.

I believe the terms of the settlement is very fair and certainly does not let Microsoft off easy. They stipulate that Microsoft will have to disclose interfaces and protocols that are internal to Windows operating system products. They also will be granting computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so that non- Microsoft products can be promoted more easily.

The nine states that want to continue litigation should be reprimanded and the settlement should be implemented as soon as possible. Please do what is best for the American public by ending this dispute. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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